

Needs Assessment for Student School-Based Behavioral Health Services

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Introduction and Purpose

- HB 1522 was enacted during the 2017 legislative session.
- HB 1522 requires:
 - The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to conduct a needs assessment relating to student school-based behavioral health services.
 - MDH and MSDE shall consult with local education agencies and other interested stakeholders.

*Data Resources***Bill Requirements 1 & 2**

1. The needs assessment shall include data concerning all public school jurisdictions in the State;
 - *Child and adolescent psychiatrists, by county*
 - *School enrollment- number of schools, type of school, by county*

2. The needs assessment shall include an assessment of the need for behavioral health services for each school districts;
 - *Mental Health HPSAs*
 - *YRBS Data- Risk factors for school aged children, by county*
 - *Medicaid Public Behavioral Health System Services Rendered to School Age Children (Age 5-18)- by jurisdiction*
 - *Medicaid Providers Who Served a School Age Child (5-18) & Submitted a Claim for Payment by jurisdiction*

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*Data Resources***Bill Requirements 3**

3. The needs assessment shall include a description of the types of school-based behavioral health services offered to children with behavioral health needs in each school district through community-partnered school-based behavioral health programs.
 - *Sample of Community Partnered School Behavioral Health Programs*
 - *Number of Schools Providing CP-SBH Mental Health Services Substance-Use Services, by county*
 - *Behavioral and Substance Abuse Programs with Services in Public Schools in Maryland*
 - *Primary Referral Concerns for Students Referred by CP-SBH programs*
 - *Effectiveness of the behavioral and academic functioning and progress of CP-SBH programs*
 - *SHIP Data*

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*Data Resources***Bill Requirements 4**

4. The needs assessment shall include a description of the types of school–based behavioral health services offered to children with behavioral health needs in each school district through school–based health centers.
 - *Number of SBHCs and students enrolled, by county*
 - *Location and Names of SBHCs*
 - *Counts and Types of services provided by SBHCs, by county*
 - *Primary and secondary diagnoses*

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*Data Resources***Bill Requirements 5**

5. The needs assessment shall include documentation of the number of children with behavioral health needs who are being provided services, including the type of services.
 - *Number of students with Mental Health diagnoses, along with top 3 diagnoses, by county*
 - *Medicaid Public Behavioral Health System Services Rendered to School Age Children (Age 5-18)- by service type*
 - *No data for types and counts of services provided in schools (Questionnaire)*

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*Data Resources***Bill Requirements 6 & 7**

6. Needs assessment shall include a description of the extent to which school–based behavioral health services are offered in the summer and during school breaks, in addition to the school year.
 - *No data*
 - *SBHC data- before/after school*
7. Needs assessment shall include the obstacles to providing services to all children who need them.
 - *No data*
 - *Stakeholder engagement*

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*Data Resources***Bill Requirements 8 & 9**

8. Needs assessment shall include recommendations for removing obstacles to the provision of services to students with behavioral health needs.
 - *To be drafted*
 - *Stakeholder engagement*
9. In conducting the needs assessment, MDH and MSDE shall consult with local education agencies and other interested stakeholders.
 - *Questionnaire*
 - *Data from MSDE was collected from local education agencies*

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Questionnaire

Engagement of Stakeholders

- What types of school-based **behavioral health** services are offered in your jurisdiction?
- What are the obstacles to providing school-based **behavioral health** services to students with behavioral health needs?
- What are your recommendations to overcoming the obstacles listed above?
- Number of public health students (K-12) referred for school-based **behavioral health** services for the 2016-2017 school year, and 2017-2018 school year?
- Number of public health students (K-12) receiving school-based **behavioral health** services with a **behavioral health** diagnosis for the 2016-2017 school year, and 2017-2018 school year?
- Number of public health students (K-12) receiving school-based **behavioral health** services without a **behavioral health** diagnosis for the 2016-2017 school year, and 2017-2018 school year?

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*Assistance from the Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC)*

Next Steps

- How can the BHAC assist with the distribution of the questionnaire?
- Would the BHAC like to answer the questionnaire as council members or have their constituents/stakeholders complete it?
- Would the BHAC want OPHI to send out the questionnaire on an electronic, and confidential platform?
- Can this be done prior to the new state fiscal year, July 1, 2019?

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Thank You!

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